Setting up of gas based power plants in the country

3506. PROF. ALKA BALARAM KSHATRIYA : Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state :

(a) the method being adopted in the sanction/setting up of gas based power plants in the country;

(b) whether the sanction is made wholly on the basis of recommendations of the State Governments' or at the discretion of Union Government; and

(c) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA) : (a) to (c) Gas is allocated to proposed power plants by the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas, which takes into account the views of the State Government concerned and the Ministry of Power and the recommendations in this regard by the Gas Linkage Committee set up for the purpose.

Fund for improving power system in rural and urban areas of M.P., Maharashtra and Chhattisgarh

† 3507. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI : Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state :

(a) the details of fund allocated for improving power system in rural and urban areas in the districts of Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra and Chhattisgarh;

(b) whether State Governments have utilized the entire fund allocated by the Centre to them; and

(c) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA) : (a) to (c) Details of the funds sanctioned to Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra and Chhattisgarh for up gradation of

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sub-transmission and distribution network under the Accelerated Power Development and Reforms Programme (APDRP) and the status of utilization are as under :

(Rs. Crore)

(As on 31-3-2003)

Scheme(s)*	2000-2001			2002-2003		
	APDRP Compo-nent	APDRP Release	Utili-zation	APDRP Compo-nent	APDRP Release	Utili-zation
Sub-transmission & Distribution						
Madhya Pradesh	29.12	29.15	48.83	299.49	74.74	11.96
Chhattisgarh	10.26	10.26	20.52	212.29	10.00	23.90
Maharashtra	90.20	90.20	86.64	553.93	138.48	65.09

*No releases in 2001-2002.

The amounts utilized by the Utilities of the above State Governments also include the counter part funds arranged from the financial institutions/internal resources.

Formula of power allocation

† 3508. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI : Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have received any proposal from Government of Madhya Pradesh for amendment in the formula for power allocation to States from Central power generation stations;

(b) if so, the present status of the proposal;

(c) whether Government are contemplating to provide additional power to States for meeting the demand of power for 'Flood lighting'; and

(d) if so, by when, the additional power would be supplied to the State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) and (b) No specific proposal has been received from Government of Madhya Pradesh for amendment in the formula of power allocation to States from Central Sector Generating Stations. However, the said formula was reviewed and it was decided in April, 2000 to treat the

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